

unsatisfied with its investigation into the Department of Justice.

This political showboating has forced the President to get involved and invoke executive privilege, an implied Constitutional power given to the President, because the Framers deemed it important that the President and his Officers were given the freedom to act candidly under certain circumstances, primarily with regard to foreign policy and national security.

Our system of government depends on a separation of powers that allows Congress to enact laws and the President to execute these laws, as mandated by Article 1 and Article 2 of the Constitution. The Republican majority in the House of Representatives has decided to interfere with the authority of the Attorney General, who was appointed by President Obama and confirmed by a bipartisan majority of the Senate, to implement policy.

In addition, the vote to hold Attorney General Holder in contempt indicates that many in Congress are more interested in preventing President Obama and the officials he has appointed from fulfilling their duties than in talking about the issues that matter to the American people.

We are not debating proposals to create jobs today. We are not debating immigration reform. Why? Republicans have decided to investigate the internal deliberations of the Department of Justice, a 15-month investigation that has not revealed any misconduct—an investigation by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with which Attorney General Holder has cooperated. This vote creates a dangerous precedent for the future.

This is not the time for politics or games. We have all taken an oath to serve the American people and today's vote is a disservice to the women and men whose interests have been repeatedly ignored. I am certain that the millions of Americans, who want to restore our economic prosperity, share my disappointment.

With this in mind, I urge all of my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to walk out in opposition to or oppose the vote to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt. Cooperation between Congress and the Executive Branch, as a matter of national security, should not be a partisan issue.

HONORING MARY THERESA
JOHNSON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, Forty-two years ago a young woman accepted her calling to serve in the Health Care System as a Nurse; and

Whereas, Ms. Mary Theresa Johnson began her nursing career in Wilmington, Delaware and this year she retires from nursing at the Shepherd Spinal Center in Atlanta, Georgia, she has served the Health Care System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Nurse, Mother and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia

a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted professional and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of others through medicine; and

Whereas, Ms. Johnson is formally retiring from her nursing career today, she will continue to promote healthy living because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Mary Theresa Johnson on her retirement and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim May 26, 2012 as Ms. Mary Theresa Johnson Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 26th day of May, 2012.

RECOGNIZING BONNEVILLE POWER
ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATOR
STEVE WRIGHT AND CEO STEVE
WRIGHT ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Steve Wright, on his upcoming retirement. He has served as Administrator of the BPA for over a decade and is the second-longest serving administrator in the organization's history.

Mr. Wright joined BPA in 1981 in the agency's conservation office. From this entry-level position he became the permanent BPA Administrator in February of 2002 after serving as Acting Administrator since late 2000.

Mr. Wright began his tenure as head of the BPA at the beginning of the West Coast energy crisis in 2000 and 2001. He successfully avoided electrical blackouts in the Pacific Northwest by reducing spot market purchases, which helped return BPA to financial stability. He also worked to negotiate and preserve the hydropower system and bring more renewable resources to the region.

His leadership of BPA has been based on collaboration and transparency. Steve's work to reach out to customers, tribes, and stakeholders resulted in the highest ever customer, constituent, and tribal satisfaction scores. By opening up the financial and decision-making process to the public he increased transparency and reduced internal inefficiencies, saving millions of dollars.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the career of Steve Wright. His leadership and dedication to Bonneville Power Administration has had an astounding impact on the lives of everyone living in the Pacific Northwest. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 6, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was un-

able to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 414–423. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 414: "yes"—On Hoyer of Maryland Motion to Instruct Conferees; rollcall No. 415: "no"—On Black Tennessee Motion to Instruct Conferees; rollcall No. 416: "yes"—Connolly of Virginia Amendment; rollcall No. 417: "no"—McClintock of California Amendment; rollcall No. 418: "no"—Garrett of New Jersey Amendment; rollcall No. 419: "yes"—Capps of California Amendment; rollcall No. 420: "no"—Gosar of Arizona Amendment; rollcall No. 421: "no"—First Broun of Georgia Amendment; rollcall No. 422: "no"—Second Broun of Georgia Amendment; rollcall No. 423: "no"—Fourth Broun of Georgia Amendment.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 85TH
BIRTHDAY OF MR. LAWRENCE
WRIGHT JORDAN, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to extend my personal congratulations and happy birthday wishes to Mr. Lawrence Wright Jordan, Sr., who will turn 85 years of age on July 8, 2012. On this day, he will be honored by his family and friends at a celebration at Crawford County Board of Education Auditorium in Roberta, Georgia at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Jordan, the second of nine children, was born on July 8, 1927, to Mattie Lee (Barnes) Jordan and Graham Jordan, Sr. in Roberta, Georgia. He started working at a young age and served as the "house boy" for the family whose land his own family lived on.

As he grew up, Mr. Jordan had a great desire to serve his country and wanted to enlist in the United States Army at age 18. However, he was required to wait as his older brother was in the Navy and his mother did not want two sons in the military at the same time. He was finally able to enter the Army at the age of 25.

In the 1950s, Mr. Jordan served two tours of duty in the Korean War before receiving honorable discharges from the Army. He is one of the very few Korean War Veterans still alive today.

On October 11, 1958, Mr. Jordan married Anola Preston, also of Roberta, Georgia. They would go on to have six beautiful and loving children: Barbara Ann (Jordan) Snowden, Lawrence Wright Jordan, Jr., Linda Joyce Jordan, Sam Edward Jordan, Tammy Renee (Jordan) Jones, and John Howard Jordan as well as Shirlene Tennyson, who, sadly, passed away. Additionally, Mr. Jordan has 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mr. Jordan has advanced so far in life because he kept these lessons with him throughout his childhood, his service in the Army, and his adult life.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mr. Jordan has run the race of life with